

# THE LEDGER.

R. M. WHITE, Editor and Proprietor.  
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Mexico should have a creamery and cheese factory.

Governor Francis signed the grain inspection bill.

Sheriff Adams says the jury in the Miller case was a model as regards the little trouble it gave the sheriff.

The Russian army is hereafter to use noiseless powder. Please forward by next train enough of this kind of ammunition to supply the man who is always "shooting off his mouth."

The committees having the Fourth of July celebration in charge met in the Court House last night and completed arrangements for one of the biggest and most complete demonstrations ever seen in the State.

The notion for a new trial in the Miller case will be argued next Monday. Judge Forrist bases his hope for a new trial on the claim that the jury had made up its mind in advance, which is undoubtedly a mistake.

Judge Hughes is one of the most prompt, painstaking and satisfactory circuit judges in the State of Missouri. Business is carried on in his court with less cost to the county and with more satisfaction to clients than any other circuit we know of.

Miller, the murderer, spends his time in prayer, and, like all murderers, claims to expect to go straight to heaven. The route to the promised land via the scaffold is getting to be very popular—with those who have to go that way, at least as far as the scaffold.

The incorporation at Chicago of the American Executing Company, organized to execute criminals who are sentenced to death, is either a huge joke or one of the grimmest of commentaries upon the capacity of the American to turn everything to business advantage.

The Mexico band plays at Centralia on the Fourth of July for \$60. It looks funny for Mexico to have a big celebration on the Fourth with two visiting bands and the Mexico band playing away from home. It looks as though Mexico did not believe in patronizing home institutions.

While the better class of colored people in Mexico are satisfied that Miller took part in the murder of "Uncle" Sam Apgar, and are satisfied with the verdict in his case, they can't understand why Mortimer doesn't hang also and would love to give him a private tight rope performance.

In a law suit in Kentucky the other day about a horse it was proved that an animal which had kicked three men to death and had run away five times was warranted "perfectly gentle and safe for any lady to drive." Now then there is a horse trader who is absent minded in his statements.

The Browns are now giving the public first-class base ball. There is not a weak spot in the nine and they should be liberally patronized. The management is at very large expense to please the public, which should show its appreciation by liberal patronage. The Mexico Browns is to-day the strongest amateur nine in the State.

Mayors of cities along the rivers from Johnston, in the Pennsylvania mountains, to New Orleans, the queen of the sub-tropics, are asked in the name of humanity to see to it that a vigilant outlook for the dead of the Conemaugh is kept. Nothing could better illustrate the vastness of the disaster and even new silent witnesses of the horror are reported as found as far from its scene as where the Ohio skirts Indiana.

What would the hotels and railways of the United States do without the commercial travelers? There are 250,000 of them in the United States who are "on the road" upon the average, nine months in each year, and during that time spend collectively \$382,000,000 for traveling expenses. Of the 400,000,000 tons of freight carried yearly by the railways of the country they sell 300,000,000.

The selection of J. J. Sims as a member from Audrain county of the Executive Committee of the State Association of stock raisers, shippers and business men, is a wise one. Sims is an earnest worker in the cause of "the greatest good for the greatest number," and is a representative farmer and stock raiser of broad ideas and extended information. He is a great reader, a close thinker and a practical man in every sense of the word.

J. P. Veerkamp, president of the Audrain County Wheel, is a prompt and reliable man to look after its business affairs. The Wheel made a contract to buy a lot of twine from a firm, not located in Mexico, which backed out of its contract, and Mr. Veerkamp at once took hold of the matter and promptly made a contract with Leshe Ferris, of this city, for \$7,000 worth of twine which will be sold exclusively to members of the Wheel. During the next few days Mr. Veerkamp, who is devoting his entire time to the good of the Wheel, can be found at Mr. Ferris' store to attend to this matter, and members of the Wheel who are without cord should report to him in person.

GEORGE ROBERTSON and F. R. Jesse have handled the cases of the State against the murderers of old man Apgar in a most admirable manner. No one doubted but what Miller and Mortimer were the murderers, but the public could not see how the evidence could be gotten in shape to secure a conviction. The State has had every thing to work against. Mr. Mosby, who was Prosecuting Attorney at the time, had all the evidence collated and many facts which he knew of and was prepared to prove, could not be brought before the jury after his death. The burden of proof was, of course, on the State, and we think the attorneys of the State should be gratified with the result of their work. No matter who fired the fatal shot, both Miller and Mortimer were present and concerned in the crime. One will go to the penitentiary for life. A more foul crime was never committed and it would have been an outrage if justice had been defeated. It may as well be understood that life and property are to be protected in Audrain county and that professional thieves and murderers are placing their necks in the noose when they begin operations within its border.

Our contemporary, under its present management, is inclined to be a sensational sewer, teeming with attacks on the Christian Church, and extended highly painted accounts of Flat Rock gossip, unit to be brought into any family. The latest was a shameful attack on Elder Samuel Magee, pastor of the Christian Church of Centralia, who makes a plain statement in this issue of the LEDGER, together with a statement from the officers of his church. Elder Magee is a young man of talent and promises to be a bright and shining light in the church. The charges made against him by the *Intelligencer* are calculated to do him a lasting injury and unless true, beyond any question of doubt, should never have been circulated, even among professional scandal-mongers and sensational scavengers.

The patrons and friends of the public schools—which means everybody in Mexico—are interested in the proposition to build an addition to our public school. It takes two-thirds of those voting to carry the proposition and we trust every taxpayer in Mexico will vote. This is a most important matter and one which involves the health and improvement of the little folks.

The Audrain County Normal Institute meets in Mexico August 12th, and continues two weeks. Every teacher in Audrain county should, by all means, attend this meeting and take advantage of the opportunities offered for improvement in mind and methods. Teachers who attend institutes are outranking those who do not in Audrain county.

The City Council has passed an ordinance forbidding the throwing of water or sprinkling on the streets after 9 a. m. till 6 p. m. This will stop any annoyance farmers may have suffered from having their teams frightened by the promiscuous throwing of water throughout the day.

The various secret orders of Mexico have been invited to participate in the Fourth of July parade and they should all accept and turn out in uniform.

Mexico will show the world how to entertain 15,000 strangers on July the Fourth.

PREPARE TO COME TO MEXICO ON JULY THE FOURTH.

Band Twine.  
From the Trust Journal.  
A man with the proud name of Jim Blaine dreamt one night that in his travels he struck hell, and wishing to see some of his old friends, he asked permission to enter, which was readily granted. One of the sub-devils showed him around, and after passing through the head center in which he saw the liveliest roasting and scorching, they entered the yards in which there were a number of dry kins, and as Jim could not understand what they were for, he was told that they were chock full of farmers who voted for protection and were so confounded green that they would not burn, and had to be cured first.

In the Court room at St. Joseph Saturday afternoon J. V. Boyd and C. Messman, two prominent Attorneys of that city, came to blows. Boyd came out second best and friends parted them. Boyd is a Methodist and Messman a Congregationalist. Boyd is a North Carolinian and challenged Messman to settle matters a la Southern style. Messman declined. Boyd will be remembered as the dashing candidate for a Kansas City Court of Appeals judgeship. He made a stirring canvass of this county.

Prof. Jackman, one of the best posted phrenologists in the known world, left yesterday for Paris as one of Dr. Dunbar's patients. The professor examined several heads while in this city which proved very satisfactory to the "boss of the head." The professor is not only a phrenologist, but a printer, school teacher and writer.—Moberly Headlight.

A thief entered a dining room window at the residence of C. Ragsdale, on East Liberty street, last evening, and passing into Mr. Ragsdale's bedroom took his watch from its pocket in the vest lying on a chair. The watch was a valuable gold timepiece. There is no clue to the identity of the burglar. This is not Mr. Ragsdale's first loss by burglary.

## ELDER MAGEE SPEAKS.

He Denies the Sensational Charges of a Local Newspaper—His Card.

To the Editor of the Ledger.  
CENTRALIA, Mo., June 25.—My attention has been called to a slanderous and sensational article in the Mexico *Daily Intelligencer* of last evening, which reflects on my character as a man and a minister of the Gospel. No charges have ever been brought against me by the Church at Centralia. My resignation has not been offered to the Church. "A highly sensational state of affairs" does not prevail at Centralia. In short, it is a lie out of the whole cloth. This is the second time the *Intelligencer* has been made a channel through which the mud machines of this vicinity have directed their filth at me.

Enclosed you will find a certificate from the elders and deacons of the Christian Church at Centralia, which speaks for itself.

Respectfully yours,  
S. MAGEE.

THE CERTIFICATE.  
The certificate referred to in the above card is as follows:

We, the elders and deacons of the Christian Church at Centralia, Mo., hereby certify that the slanderous and sensational charges published in the Mexico *Daily Intelligencer* of June 24, concerning our beloved pastor, Elder Samuel Magee, are entirely false and baseless.

The Church at this place never has prospered as it is doing now, and our aim is to keep Bro. Magee so long as he is inclined to remain with us.

W. N. WHITE, Dr. J. A. WHITE,  
J. H. SILVER, Dr. D. J. MAYES,  
J. L. PAXTON, C. P. BURNS,  
J. T. MITCHELL, J. H. FORBISH,  
Deacons.

Centralia, Mo., June 25, 1889.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR OF THE CENTRALIA "GUARD."

To the Editor of the Ledger.

CENTRALIA, Mo., June 25, 1889.—I am a member of the Christian Church of which Elder Magee is pastor, and the slanderous publication in the *Intelligencer* of June 24, is entirely groundless. No minister enjoys the confidence of his congregation to a greater extent than Elder Magee, and the Church never was in a more prosperous condition. Elder Magee is above reproach as a man, and great indignation has been aroused in our entire community over this cowardly attack on his character. Yours truly,  
A. RODENRYE.

Who Owns the Land in America?

Who owns the land in the United States? Why, the citizens do, or should, would be the natural reply. But unfortunately it is not altogether so.

Some of the best lands in this country are owned by alien landlords. Nearly 22,000,000 acres of land are owned by men who owe allegiance to other governments. To be exact, there are 21,241,900 acres of land under the direct control and management of thirty foreign individuals or companies. There are 2,720,283 acres of land in Massachusetts, so that the men living in other countries and owing allegiance to other powers own land enough to make about ten states like Massachusetts, more than the whole of New England, more land than some governments own to support a king. The largest amount of land owned by one man or corporation is owned by a foreign corporation called the Holland Land Company. Talk about alien landholders in Ireland; there is twice as much land owned by aliens in the United States as there is owned by Englishmen in Ireland. Think of it! More than 22,000,000 acres of land owned by men in Europe.—American Citizen.

Lacing in a Sleeper.

From an Exchange.

I suppose a woman is never brought face to face with the awful way she is squeezing her patient viscera till she tries to put on her stays while in her berth on a car. The task even to a woman who supposes honestly that she does not lace at all is almost impossible. If you are in a lower berth, you have to give it up, and slide out, and stand between the berths and the curtain. No woman has ever yet accomplished this without being head and shoulders above the upper berth. Of course, you can at least turn your back and pretend you don't know how your head is intruding. The chances are that you will be awfully conscious of scanty attire, and will forthwith duck under the sheet and pray heaven that you won't turn your head, but then again he may be one of those self-possessed, cold-blooded wretches, who is quite equal to just keeping still, and counting your corset laces in a half whisper, while you hope the roof of the car, as you have gotten off the car, fall in and crush him.

No Prohibition Party.

From the Kansas City Times.

Here's Dr. John A. Brooks, who says that the prohibition party is strengthened by defeat and will be on hand in 1892, nipper than ever. And here is the New York *Sun*, which declares that the first consequence is that there will be no prohibition party and no prohibition national ticket in the presidential election of 1892. How is this? Can't we "get together" and settle these little fine points of difference?

10,000 Lost.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., June 24.—All the local physicians met accidentally at the Bedford Street Hospital last night. They represented all parts of the stricken city and after discussing the calamity all joined in the conclusion that not a soul less than 10,000 persons were lost in the floods. On account of the general knowledge of the people possessed by the physicians the estimate is looked upon as reliable.

Dr. E. S. Cave attended the funeral of Mrs. James M. Harrison, at Benton City.

## UNION PICK-UPS.

Special Correspondence to the Ledger.  
UNION, Mo., June 25.—Joe Crews bought of Roe McIntyre a mare for \$125.

Mr. Hepler, of Monroe Co., is visiting his son, Mat Hepler, of this place. Neal Watts and family, of north of Mexico, are visiting in the neighborhood.

J. X. Brown sold to different parties in Mexico several fat cows at 2-1-2 cents.

Wood Maddox is making extensive improvements on his fine farm. He is building a beautiful front to his residence, also a mammoth mule barn, besides other improvements. When they are completed, Wood will have one of the finest farms in the State. Clarence Thompson has the contract and is a splendid workman.

The Union Browns have graded and leveled off their ball grounds at Union school house and now have the best ball park in the county except Mexico's.

A great many are preparing their coats for the Harrison Brothers great coat show at Auxvasse on July 27th.

PROGRESS POINTS.

Correspondence of the Ledger.

PROGRESS, Mo., June 25.—Miss Julia Armstrong is quite sick. Mrs. Mincholtz, of St. Charles, is visiting in the neighborhood.

Mr. Fred Tress and family of St. Louis, are visiting relatives here.

Our postmaster will send in his resignation soon and our post-office will be moved to Mexico, which will be quite an inconvenience to this part of the county.

M. Y. Duncan preached at our school house last Sunday to a very large audience.

There will be another Sunday School organized at Mr. John Robinson's next Sunday for the benefit of the north end of this district.

Mr. August Blase went to St. Charles county last week to attend the funeral services of his father.

Uncle Joe Helper, an old resident of this county, now of Monroe, is visiting his old neighbors here.

Miss Lida Powell last Friday closed her school at our school house with an exhibition which was a credit to teachers and scholars. This is the second school Miss Powell has taught here and she has demonstrated that a school can be conducted to suit everyone.

A BUSTLING TOWN.

Auxvasse Matters in a Nutshell—A Breezy Budget from a Live Town.

Correspondence of the Ledger.

AUXVASSE, Mo., June 26.—Born, to C. F. Richmond and wife, a son, Miss Nannie McCall, of Reedsville, returned to her home, after a pleasant visit with relatives.

Miss Madura Corson, of Marshall, Mo., is visiting her grandparents, W. H. Lewis went to Kansas City, Friday.

Miss Nannie Penn, of Fulton, is visiting Miss Belle Dudley.

Miss Bettie Day, who has been on the sick list, is rapidly improving.

Rev. D. M. Granfield filled the Christian pulpit last Sunday morning and evening.

Miss Edna Frye, of Concord, is the guest of Miss Ella Swan.

We are informed that Dr. W. T. Lemon, formerly of Mexico, will locate here soon.

J. W. Harper has sold his stock of drugs to Dr. J. E. Harris.

Prof. Ellis and Modlin, the elocutionists, will lecture in our town on the 27th inst.

Chas. Galeski went to Mexico last Friday to witness the game of base ball between Moberly and Mexico.

We have four more new brick buildings, nearly completed.

A number of our sports went to Fulton to witness the foot race between Robinson and Cunningham, for \$100 a side. Robinson won.

## AN IMMENSE DEAL.

More Than \$7,000 Worth of Binding Twine Retailed by one Firm.

Mr. G. Leslie Ferris, the hustling hardware man, has contracted with the Audrain County Wheelers to furnish them with binding twine this season.

As a result, a large number of farmers will come to Mexico to do their trading, who would otherwise have gone to neighboring towns. This is a point alone that will be worth hundreds of dollars to Mexico, and the intelligent farmer, once buying of the local merchants, cannot fail to see the advantage in coming to a large town to trade.

Mr. Ferris is to be congratulated on this move. Besides being of value to the city, his own business will be greatly built up above its already large dimensions. The stock of hardware, farm machinery, spring wagons, buggies, etc., kept by this firm is large and in every way complete.

Mr. Ferris' manner of doing business is a pleasure to all who trade at his house.

District Meeting.

At a meeting composed of representatives from the three counties of Monroe, Audrain and Randolph, assembled in the Christian Church of Moberly, Mo., June 18, 1889, the following resolutions were adopted, with respect to the organization of a Missionary District, composed of the above named counties:

1. That we believe it wise to organize our three counties into a missionary district.

2. That, at their respective county meetings, each county be requested to pledge (\$400) four hundred dollars toward mission work in the district.

3. That the district work be under the general supervision of an Executive Board, composed of one from each county, selected at their next county meeting.

S. McDANIEL,  
W. L. HENSON,  
J. W. STRAWN,  
Committee.

The above was unanimously adopted and will be submitted for the action of the next annual county meeting in each of said counties.

J. W. STRAWN,  
Secretary pro tem.

Colt Show.

T. S. & J. Harrison will give a colt show at Auxvasse, Mo., on Saturday, July 27, 1889, at 1 o'clock p. m. The following premiums will be offered:

Best mare colt by Montrose foaled in 1889.  
1st premium.....\$25 00  
2nd ".....15 00

Best stud colt by Montrose.  
1st premium.....25 00  
2nd ".....15 00

Best mare colt by Rex Denmark foaled in 1889.  
1st premium.....25 00  
2nd ".....15 00

Best stud colt by Rex Denmark.  
1st premium.....25 00  
2nd ".....15 00

Premiums to be paid in services.  
10ths

Live Stock Market.

St. Louis, Mo., June 25.—The National Stock Yards, of East St. Louis, furnishes the following:

CATTLE—The receipts to-day were 4,400 head; the shipments were 200. Market was quoted steady. Choice heavy native steers, \$3.80-4.30; fair to good steers, \$3.10-4.00; butchers' steers, medium to choice, not quoted; stockers fair to good, at \$2.10-3.25; rangers, corn-fed \$2.80-3.70; grass-fed \$2.00-3.00.

HOGS—The receipts to-day were 3,700 head; the shipments were 500. The market was quoted firm, steady. Quotations ranged as follows: Choice heavy and butchers' selections, at \$4.25-4.35; packing grades, \$4.15-4.30; light, ordinary to best, quoted at \$4.30-4.40.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—The receipts to-day were 1,400 head; the shipments were none. The market was quoted steady. Fair to choice grades of sheep quoted at \$5.00-4.50.

Over the River They Go.

Bud Nixon, who attempted burglary in this city on the night of Wallace's circus exhibition; Jack Cunningham, "the terror," Fielding Sexton, who stole Madame Le Toure's horses, and Howard Fayette, the cured meat thief, were taken to Jefferson City this morning. Each went over for a term of two years.

The Executive Committee of the Audrain County Normal Institute has secured Prof. J. I. Nelson, of Kirksville, Mo., to conduct the Audrain County Institute, beginning August 12th, and continuing two weeks.

Prices Reduced.  
On Head's Photographs. The best work in Northeast Missouri. Call and get prices. No work shown only what is made in the Gallery. Southwest corner Square, Mexico, Mo. d&wt

Ellis Mann is making some handsome improvements on his residence on West Liberty street, and when completed will be one of the neatest little cottages in Mexico.

The new rope to be used at the hole-in-the-ground arrived this morning and will be at once placed in use. Contractor Schofield and his men are all here and will do their best to finish the well.

Miss Mammie Espey, who has been the guest of Mrs. Sadie Willey for several weeks, left for her home in Indianapolis to-day.

Prof. D. A. McMillan returned from Sweet Springs this morning. Leaving to-morrow night, he will spend the summer in Ohio.

Rev. Wm. and Mrs. Trimble, of St. Joe, will spend a portion of the summer at Santa Fe.

Miss Alice Eller, of Auxvasse, is visiting Mrs. Ellis Mann, of this city.

# NOTICE TO Audrain County Wheelers!

We, the undersigned Committee on Twine, have purchased for you from

## G. L. Ferris, Mexico, Mo.,

Your BINDER TWINE at a reduced rate. You are hereby notified to call at the HARDWARE STORE of G. L. FERRIS and get the same.

Wheelers without cards will receive full benefit, as MR. J. P. VEERKAMP will remain at the HARDWARE STORE of MR. FERRIS for several weeks.

The report is out that the Twine was bought from a firm in Wellsville. We wish to state that the Wellsville firm failed to deliver Twine same as agreed upon at our meeting at Martinsburg, and we have contracted, as above, from G. L. FERRIS, the hardware man, East Side of the Public Square, Mexico, Mo.

J. P. VEERKAMP. SIMEON ROSS, JR. W. T. LOTT, Committee.

## Attention, Wheelers and Farmers!

I HAVE OVER TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS WORTH OF Hardware, Buggies Phaetons, Spring Wagons, all kinds Farming Machinery, &c.

For sale. I allow no competitors to undersell me. Call and see my stock of Spring Wagons, Buggies, Reapers, Mowers and Self-Binders. I have six different kinds of Spring Wagons, twenty different kinds of Buggies and Carts, four different kinds of Mowers, and a few more of the celebrated Whiteley Self-Binders. The Whiteley is an open back machine, runs light and will not choke. You can cut and bind your corn crop with the Whiteley Binder.

Twine Lower than all Competitors.

G. L. FERRIS,

FOUR-STORY BRICK, - - - MEXICO, MO.

## Read What Competition Has Done For You!

COMPETITION ON WALL PAPER

Has reduced it at least one-third on all grades. You have never had the benefit of competition in this line before this year. Therefore, we have a right to claim the benefit of low prices on WALL PAPER and if you will call and examine my stock, I can not only please you in prices but show you the LARGEST line of NEW goods ever in Mexico. Call early and see for yourself.

E. H. CARTER, South Side Public Square.

## BIG CUT Fresh Meat

—IN—

FRESH MEAT

—AT—

MASSEY & BOWMAN'S

Washington St. Market.

Loins and Porterhouse.....10

Round steak, 3 lbs.....25

Chuck steak, 7 to.....08

Roast from 6 to.....07

Bolling meat from 3 to.....05

Mutton from 6 to.....10

Lamb from 8 to.....10

Pork, per lb.....8 1-3

Veal from 8 to.....10

Lard.....10

Bologna.....08

Cattle are cheap, and we have made arrangements for cheap ice, and we intend to give the public the benefit. We mean what we say, and intend to sell just exactly as we advertise.

MASSEY & BOWMAN,  
Washington Street Market.

Notice of Special School Election.

The qualified voters of the School District of the City of Mexico, are hereby notified that a Special Election will be held at the Court House in said School District on Tuesday, the 9th day of July, 1889, for the purpose of authorizing the Board of Education in said District to borrow Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars, and issue bonds for the payment thereof; said money to be used for building and furnishing three additional rooms to the School Building of said District, situated on the corner of Olive and Jackson Streets, and for building and furnishing two additional rooms to the Colored School Building of said District.

By order of the Board,  
J. T. NELSON,  
Secy.

d&w  
Mexico, Mo., June 11, 1889.

The Imp. Percheron Stallion,

EL CLAIR!

(No. 609 Percheron Stud Book of France, No. 609 Percheron Stud Book of America.) Gray, foaled 1882. Square and blocky. Plenty of bone, good style and fine knee action. Size, 15.5 hands, 1600 lbs. by J. P. Veerkamp. He is by Victor Per